

The Builder Skill Level Quiz: A Self-Assessment

Answer the following questions and then see the recommendations below them. As a builder, this quiz is for your own eyes and for your own use. If you are comfortable sharing the results with your Technical Counselor, they will be able to help you get any training you need to gain more confidence in the processes.

Question	Not at All or No	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Totally Agree
1. I have a lot of hands on maintenance experience already				
2. I have already built an aircraft and feel comfortable and confident				
3. I am skilled at using basic tools and machinery				
4. I enjoy making things and fixing things				
5. I enjoy learning the things I don't know as a mechanic				
6. I think that attention to detail is one of the most important skills in building				
7. I am safety conscious and don't like to rush				
8. I think that documentation is important in a building project				
9. I would be willing to interrupt my project to get additional skills training				
10. I enjoy building as much as flying				

Use this information to score:

Not at All 1 pt	Somewhat Agree 3 pts	Agree 4 pts	Totally Agree 5pts
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Total Points =

What You Should Think About

Twenty points or less: Take a look at question 10. If you answered that with less than a “3” then you might want to reconsider whether you want to build your own airplane. Statistics have shown that you’re more likely to invest in the project but then let it languish.

Twenty to Thirty Points: If you answered question 10 with an “agree” or better, then this may be a good path. You’ll probably need to get some training in specific skills. Ask your technical counselor for help. The EAA has so many resources that it may be tough to navigate all of the information at once; spend time mapping out the project and what skills you will need. It’s worth spending the time up front doing this.

Thirty to Forty Points: You’ll be fine. Spend some time up front figuring out what you will need to study or if you need any classes or workshops. Utilize the EAA resources for builders.

Forty to Fifty Points: You’re in great shape in skills and experience. Think about becoming a Technical Counselor!

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